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PLYMOUTH COUNTY DA CRUZ AND VERIZON TEAM UP AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Recycle used, old cell phones to help victims of domestic violence

BROCKTON – Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and HopeLine from Verizon are conducting a month-long phone recycling drive to mark October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

HopeLine from Verizon collects no-longer used wireless phones, batteries, chargers and accessories in any condition from any service provider to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. Donated phones are then turned into valuable resources for non-profit organizations and agencies that support domestic violence victims and survivors nationwide.

"Unfortunately, the issue of domestic violence and the particularly vulnerable group of victims affected will always be one that law enforcement must face, but police cannot be alone in the battle," DA Cruz said. "We all need to step up and do our part and updated domestic violence laws and programs like the Verizon HopeLine cell phone recycling drive, are bringing awareness to the issue and giving victims of domestic violence an outlet to reach out at any time of need."

HopeLine is looking for wireless phones in any condition, and/or their accessories. If the phone is in working condition, all data should be erased from the phone and storage cards and SIM cards should be removed before donating. The public is invited to drop off the phones and accessories during regular business hours. Collection boxes can be found in the Plymouth County District Court DA's Offices, including the main office at 32 Belmont Street in Brockton, and District Courts in Plymouth, Hingham and Wareham.